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Retail park is approved, despite traffic concerns

By Matthew Brown

ALDI and Oak Furniture Land will be coming to Basingstoke after councillors gave the green light to a new retail park that has split opinion.

The two big name store chains will be joined at the new St Michael's Retail Park, next to Brighton Hill Retail Park, by Sofology, Tapi Carpets, Furniture Village and further Costa Coffee and Nandos outlets.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's development control committee passed the 11-retail unit proposal for the former Smiths Industries Aerospace site, on Harrow Way, during their meeting last Wednesday.

Developer Area Estates Ltd will also part fund some improvements to the surrounding road network, including the Brighton Hill Roundabout.

Harrow Way resident John Vivian 'strongly objected' to the proposal because of concerns about the increased traffic the retail park would bring to local residents.

He told the meeting: "We have problems enough getting in and out of our driveway at the moment – especially at peak times when the traffic is backed up from the Brighton Hill roundabout to Lister Road."

Mr Vivian said he felt that the proposal for the combined entrance and exit which would be in Harrow Way was 'totally in the wrong position'.

Mark Butress, owner of Jaybees Convenience Store, based in the Kings Furlong Centre, said the proposal would "be a threat to the Brighton Hill Shopping Centre and independent shops like myself".

He said that when Safeway (now Morrisons) opened, his takings went down £2,000 a week and that he had to make two staff members redundant.

The owners of the adjacent Brighton Hill Retail Park, British Coal Pension Funds, were represented at the meeting and they had serious concerns over access to the site and raised safety concerns.

But Mark Harris from Area Estates Ltd stressed the 'proposal represents a significant opportunity to develop a brownfield site' that "delivers a credible scheme which provides a number of important benefits for the locality and wider Basingstoke area".

He said it would "complement, not compete" with shops in Brighton Hill and this was a view shared by independent retail advisers.

"It would have a low level of impact," he said.

The committee also heard from a highways expert commissioned by Area Estates Ltd who said they had been consulting with local authorities and that there was no issue "in terms of highway capacity terms or road safety terms".

Cllr Gavin James addressed the meeting over his concerns over the nearby Brighton Hill Roundabout.

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Charity rider raises bike in triumph

JUBILANT Steve Feldwick holds his Brompton fold-up bike aloft after completing a gruelling 265-mile charity ride from Basingstoke to Paris.

Most people use one of the famous Brompton model bikes for commuting, not a long distance ride like the Ark to Arc challenge, but Steve did and he took time to celebrate with a photograph in front of the Eiffel Tower.

He joined 33 other cyclists for the ride that was raising money for the Ark Cancer Charity and it was not without mishap.

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Red phone box is novel base for Austen corner

By Matthew Brown

A RED telephone box in the village where world-renowned author Jane Austen grew up has been transformed into a visitor information centre.

The phone box in the centre of Steventon has written itself into literary history as one of the smallest and most novel corners of the country devoted to the *Pride and Prejudice* author.

Villagers held an opening ceremony on Sunday, inviting along 'Jane Austen' as a guest.

She told the assembled audience: "I began my writing at an early age and some of my neighbours provided the inspiration for particular characters in my books.

"I am thrilled that people still want to read my books and to visit my birthplace and this strange red object should provide them with all the information they need.

"Fellow villagers, there are many books here for you to read. As I said myself, many years ago, I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading."

'Jane Austen' addresses the crowd at the opening of the red phone box restored in her honour

The phone box – which had become an eyesore – was converted into the centre that also doubles up as a book exchange, thanks to the workmanship of Allan Richardson.

He repaired the framework and gave it a new lick of red paint, with the help of funding from the Hampshire County Council and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

Basingstoke and Deane mayor Cllr Paul Frankum with the mayoress, Cllr Jane Frankum, opened the revamped telephone box and cut the ribbon.

The unveiling also signalled the start of the Jane Austen Festival that Steventon is hosting to honour the 200 years since the death of their famous daughter.

Held over the weekends of July 28-30 and August 4-5, there will be a flower festival in the church with displays inspired by Austen's books and her life in Steventon, complemented by art works from Dorothy Dent and Jill Smith.

There will also be arts performances, a local history exhibition, church services and performances of *Pride and Prejudice*.

Knife-threat ordeal of boy left with bloody nose

A TEENAGER was left with a bloody nose after he was threatened with a knife and headbutted in Eastrop Park, Basingstoke.

The 13-year-old boy was walking with a friend along the cycle path that runs adjacent to Eastrop Way and Old Canal Place at around 2.35pm on July 15.

They were approached by two other boys who threatened the 13-year-old with a knife, while the other tried to take his phone.

The victim suffered a bloody nose after being headbutted by the second boy after refusing to hand over his phone.

The first boy with the knife is described as aged around 13, of mixed race and having black hair in a big afro style.

He was also said to be of skinny build, around 5ft 2ins and wore a black tracksuit top and bottoms with a white stripe going down the arms and legs.

The second boy, who carried out the headbutt, is said to be white, aged around 15 and has light coloured hair.

This boy was also described as being of stocky build, around 5ft 5ins tall, having a few spots on his face and wearing a light grey tracksuit.

Investigating officer Detective Constable Dan Hunt said: "The park would have been busy at the time, so we want to speak to anyone who has information about this incident

"Any information you might hold could prove vital to this investigation so please get in touch on 101."

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Driver 'used car as a weapon'

TADLEY: A 26-year-old man has been jailed after driving his car at another man in Aldermaston.

Jesse Gregory, pictured, of Moat Close, Tadley, was sentenced to 12 years in prison at Reading Crown Court last Thursday after pleading guilty to grievous bodily harm.

It comes after police were called to a disturbance at Paices Hill at around 6.50am on February 21 last year.

Gregory had driven a Toyota Rav 4 at a 52-year-old man, who suffered a broken leg.

Gregory was sentenced to 12 years in prison, plus an extension of four years on licence.

Investigating officer DC Gareth Perry said: "This was a very serious incident where Gregory used a vehicle as a weapon. I am pleased justice has been done."

Amnesty begins

BASINGSTOKE: A knife amnesty has been launched by Hampshire Police as part of a campaign to take them off the streets.

Members of the public will be able dispose of knives and bladed articles in bins at Basingstoke Police Investigation Centre in Jays Close until 5pm on Sunday. The amnesty also aims to educate people about the dangers of knives.

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Riders reach goal of Paris with one injury en route

By Matthew Brown

The Ark to Arc riders celebrate reaching journey's end at the foot of the Eiffel Tower in the heart of Paris

A PELETON of 34 cyclists put in a herculean effort as they rode a gruelling 265 miles from Basingstoke to Paris on an emotional and memorable rollercoaster.

The cyclists making up the Ark to Arc ride left the Ark Conference Centre in Basingstoke last Wednesday and arrived in Paris on Saturday, cycling around the iconic Arc de Triomphe before finishing at the equally recognisable Eiffel Tower.

The Arkriders included brave Simon Finch, who broke his collarbone in a crash just 20 miles from the finish and needed hospital treatment.

They are on course to raise more than £70,000 for the Ark Cancer Centre Charity, which is aiming to raise £5m to build a new treatment centre in north Hampshire.

Mark Jones, director of fundraising and communications at the Ark Cancer Centre Charity, said: "This was an amazing achievement by an awesome group of cyclists."

Mark, who was part of a group of family and friends at the foot of the Eiffel Tower to cheer the riders at the end of their epic journey, added: "They should all be very proud of what they have accomplished.

"The Ark to Arc cyclists have really risen to the challenge, and when the going got tough, they just kept on going."

Mark described the moment that the riders arrived at the Eiffel Tower.

"The end of the journey was an emotional one, particularly because everyone was so concerned about Simon.

"There was a massive sense of relief, and joy, when he arrived at the celebration meal on Saturday evening."

On their long journey, one of the highlights was celebrating Bastille Day in one of Basingstoke's twin towns, Alencon in Normandy, and also receiving a civic welcome from dignitaries.

Other highlights included another of the riders, Colin Fanning, doing a Mick Jagger impression and when they glimpsed the Arc de Triomphe.

Craig Killick, one of the riders described the ride as 'hectic', 'an experience of a lifetime' and said he had 'been away on quieter stag do's'.

Visit arkriders.com to sponsor and find out more about the adventure.

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Taking shape

BASINGSTOKE: Work is under way to build 42 new homes at Beckets Rise, off Worting Road.

The development by Redrow Homes is a mix of two-bedroom terraced houses as well as three and four-bedroom homes, with the first completions set for mid-2018.

It has been named after the church in Worting, dedicated to Thomas Becket.

Mark Vanson, sales director at Redrow, said that the homes will suit a variety of buyers including families and first-time buyers and there had been plenty of interest.

He said: "Basingstoke as a location has something to offer everybody – its unbeatable travel connections and links to the capital and south of the county are a key USP, without mentioning the excellent schools and leisure amenities."

Welcome aboard

BASINGSTOKE: Entrepreneur Linda Cheung has been appointed to the board of Enteprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership.

The former executive director at Morgan Stanley spent 15 years in the city and is a co-founder of Connectegrity – the team behind social media start-up, Cube Social.

Retail park given the green light

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He said: "The roundabout is a major problem and I can't support any development in the area until there is a solution."

Committee members David Potter and Andrew McCormick were both unhappy with the proposal.

They shared concerns about Brighton Hill roundabout and also the impact on local shops with Cllr Potter saying he had "significant problems with this application".

Despite these concerns, the application was approved.

An artist's impression of the St Michael's Retail Park

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Alan saddles up for Samaritans

By Matthew Brown

Rob, Sarah and Alan get ready for their long ride

A VOLUNTEER listener with the Samaritans is jumping into the saddle for 116-mile ride in aid of the charity.

Alan Durham will start his challenge on July 29 at the Basingstoke branch of the charity and will take in Winchester, Guildford, Farnborough and Bracknell before finishing at Basingstoke railway station that afternoon.

He is aiming to raise £1,000 for the Samaritans.

The 54-year-old works as a level crossing manager. He said: "I've been a Samaritans volunteer listener for about nine months now.

"Working for Network Rail, I see the aftermath of what happens when someone's in a crisis – friends and family suffer when a loved one has suffered from a mental illness or commits suicide."

Alan first started cycling a couple of years ago and has already done some bike rides. Last year he cycled 80 miles from Aldermaston to Bristol.

He said: "I started cycling a couple of years ago to get myself fit and it went from there.

"Now that I'm a listening volunteer, I just wanted to do something else and it had to be bigger and better so I took inspiration from the Samaritans number (116 123) so that's where it's come from for this ride."

Alan will be accompanied by fellow keen cyclists Sarah Travers, who has cycled across Vietnam and the USA, and Rob Todd.

Alan joked: "They're basically professionals and then there's me who has been doing it for two years.

"I'm more confident now though after I did the Chiltern Ride. That was 84 miles and that was hard work and you can imagine the Chiltern Hills – they're not exactly flat.

"I think this ride will take us eight hours but we're going to allow ourselves 10 to complete it."

Alan said he's also done lots of training through cycling a 50-mile round-trip to work in Didcot.

He described what it's like to be a Samaritans volunteer: "We rely entirely on volunteers, we all give up our time and it's tough sometimes but is really rewarding."

Visit tinyurl.com/ybrb3pqo to donate to the team.

Grant paves way for key cancer trial

BASINGSTOKE bowel cancer patients are to take part in pioneering blood clotting trials.

Around 60 bowel cancer patients with secondary liver cancer are expected to be involved in the ground-breaking study at Basingstoke Hospital that aims to reveal more about the causes of blood clotting following liver resection surgery.

Thanks to a £20,000 grant and office space for the research team from the Pelican Cancer Foundation, which is supporting the year-long project Coalgulation in Liver Surgery (COALS) study, it is hoped this will benefit many more cancer patients in the future.

Consultant surgeon Fenella Welsh said the team was delighted. She added: "Receiving the go-ahead for the COALS study is a significant step forward for the Liver Unit in Basingstoke and we are very grateful for the support of the Pelican Cancer Foundation.

"The project will push the boundaries of liver surgery at Basingstoke, with the potential of providing safer treatment and reducing the risks for our patients."

Bowel cancer is the third most common cancer in the UK and the second greatest cause of cancer death. More than 41,000 people are diagnosed each year, with around half of the patients presenting with, or developing, secondary liver cancer at some stage.

Up to 50 per cent of these patients could be suitable for liver surgery, which can increase their chances of surviving their cancer.

Although liver surgery has been associated with high blood loss, this has been reduced thanks to medical advancements, but it has become clear that patients are more at risk from blood clots after surgery than bleeding.

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Top of the plots

SHERFIELD ON LODDON: The winners of the allotment competition for 2017 have been announced.

First place went to Mrs Hitchens (plot one), Mrs Beardall's plot two finished second while third place went to Mrs Morse on plot 15.

The judges were impressed by the improvements to the allotments and especially liked the new raised bed area.

The presentations will be made at the village show, which takes place on September 3.

Lottery windfalls

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its lottery draw from July 14.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 57386 of Basingstoke, while ticket 08248 also of Basingstoke claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 goes to Tadley ticket 60774, and Tadley ticket 61006 gets fourth prize of £20.

Sixteen prizes of £5 go to tickets 62470, 67594, 24769, 95229, 62580, 02483, 75170, 87531, 58759, 32656, 34773, 57688, 76163, 81242, 55071 and 19692.

Garden of delights

SHERFIELD ON LODDON: A multi award-winning garden described as a plantaholics paradise will be open to the public on Sunday.

Terry and Brian Raisborough are opening up their beautiful White Gables garden in Breach Lane between 1pm and 5pm.

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Buses to take fares at tap of a bank card

BASINGSTOKE buses are set to be able to receive contactless payment.

Thanks to financial support from Hampshire County Council, bus operators, including Stagecoach in Basingstoke, are investing contactless payment technology.

Cllr Rob Humby, the county council's executive member for the environment and transport, said: "Modern ticketing technology means that people can catch the bus without bothering about having the right change, or, in fact, any money on them at all.

"As passengers board buses quicker, this speeds up bus journey times and also means less waiting times for others on the road as buses pick up passengers at bus stops.

"With free WiFi on board, audio/visual next stop announcements, USB charging on new buses and now contactless payments, bus travel in Hampshire offers an up-to-date, comfortable and reliable travel choice – as bus journeys in Hampshire buck the national trend and continue to rise."

Stagecoach has already unveiled the first of its 395 buses fitted with the cash-free option and, by the end of this summer, around 900 buses in Hampshire will have the technology to take contactless payment.

Top of Town set for new boost in feel good factor

By Matthew Brown

BASINGSTOKE'S Top of Town area is set to become a cultural quarter which is hoped will create more of a feel good factor.

A 'cultural hub' will be developed around the Willis Museum and Anvil Theatre, bringing together arts organisations, creative industries and artists with a number of events being held.

There will also be a focus on engaging with bars and restaurants that make up the night-time economy alongside coming up with solutions to deal with anti-social behaviour and littering.

A number of new businesses have opened in the locality including sports shop Up and Running, steakhouse and wine bar Number 12 and a Mexican burrito bar.

Cllr Terri Reid, deputy leader of the borough council and cabinet member for housing, regeneration, arts and heritage, said: "This action plan shows our commitment to build on what has already been achieved, with exciting proposals.

Basingstoke's Top of Top has already benefited from the initiative, but there's more to do, says the council

"The Basingstoke Town Centre Programme will continue to focus on business engagement and partnership working, environmental improvements and creating more of a 'feel good' factor at the Top of Town."

Events such as the current Made in Basingstoke celebration that runs until August 13, a film festival in September, Halloween activities in October and festive celebrations leading up to Christmas, will add to the Top of Town, encouraging greater footfall and benefiting local businesses.

Cllr Reid said that the programme, now in its fourth year, was progressing well but said there was still more to do.

She said: "Basingstoke Town Centre Programme has already made positive changes for local people and local businesses. It has provided a focus for coordinated action to address issues and seize opportunities.

"Together we have made progress but we acknowledge that there is still more to do and some issues to tackle."

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Big Wheel turns

BASINGSTOKE: The beautiful Hampshire countryside will be full of cyclists raising money for St Michael's Hospice this weekend.

The Big Wheel event is celebrating its 25th anniversary and on Sunday cyclists will gather at Down Grange Sports Complex to take part in five different routes.

The routes are 65 miles, 39 miles, 25 miles, 15 miles, and five miles for families.

Natalie's a star

WHITCHURCH: Natalie Hawrylak has collected 4,711 pieces of litter from around the town.

As part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award, Natalie spent more than 15 hours volunteering her time to litter-pick.

Whitchurch Town Council has passed on its thanks to the Testbourne School pupil.

Have your say

KINGSCLERE: Residents' views are needed on how to preserve or enhance the architectural and historic interest of Kingsclere.

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Jobless figures remain static at 10-year low

FIVE more people joined the unemployment register in Basingstoke and Deane last month, newly released figures have shown.

The number in the borough in receipt of Job Seekers' Allowance rose slightly from 965 in May to 970 for June.

However, in the last seven years, unemployment in the borough has been falling.

Since June 2010, 1,503 people have got back into work, amounting to a 61 per cent reduction in the number of claimants.

Sarah Crewe-Read, service delivery team leader at the Basingstoke Job Centre, said: "It has been another good month in Basingstoke with unemployment staying relatively static with only a small increase and it remains at a 10-year low.

"The local labour marked has remained buoyant in Basingstoke and we continue to work closely with local employers, employment agencies and partners to offer opportunities and support to local residents."

This month, the centre in Winchester Road, has been working with employers Dimensions, Dee Set, Mitie, The Purefoy Arms and Hampshire County Council to get people into work.

On August 23, the Job Centre is hosting a careers fayre and are on the look out for local employers to get involved.

Town puts forward three options for club's survival

By Matthew Brown

BASINGSTOKE Town Football Club is looking for the support of the borough council to secure its survival.

Outgoing chairman Rafi Razzak has stated his intention to sell the club's home, the Camrose, for development so he can get back the money he has invested in the Dragons.

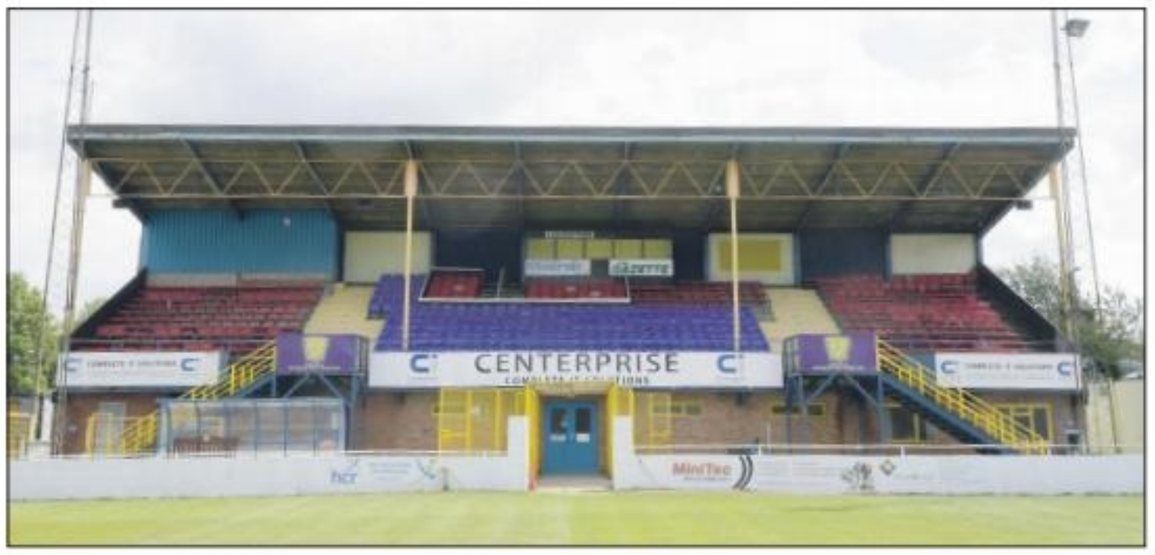
Now the newly-formed community club has put forward three possible options for a new stadium that would need the backing of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

One option is for the club to remain at the Camrose but to have the pitch moved to allow some residential development to take place.

With this option the club says it would like to see the borough council purchase what's left of the land and lease it back to the club on 'mutually attractive terms'.

Options two and three focus around the Winklebury Football Complex, which is the headquarters of the Hampshire FA.

The club says that it 'could be leased to and be managed by the community club, or jointly with the Hampshire FA' as an asset for the community.



The future of the Camrose as a base for Basingstoke Town Community Football Club is still up in the air

Another proposal would be to use the site as a 'temporary lifeline' for 18 months to two years. The club says this option would give it time 'to explore permanent possibilities in the town and wider borough'.

A decision by the borough council not to support any of the three options 'would be a lost window of opportunity' says the club.

However, Cllr Simon Bound, cabinet member for communities and community safety at the borough council, said he believed it was best the club stayed at the Camrose – but warned the council will not provide a new ground or fund the club.

He said: "It remains my hope that Basron Developments Ltd (a company Mr Razzak has a 50 per cent stake in that owns 71 per cent of the Camrose, with the borough council owning the other 29 per cent) will reconsider its intention to develop the site so that the club may have a sustainable future in Basingstoke at their current ground.

"The council is encouraging a collaborative approach that allows Basingstoke Town Community Football Club to thrive and that achieves wider community benefits."

The issue was set to be discussed at the borough council's community environment and partnerships committee as the Observer went to press.

See next week's paper for full coverage.

News Bites

Strictly 1920s

WHITCHURCH: Grab a feather boa or a dickie bow and get down to Longmeadow Sports Club for the Great Gatsby Gala on Saturday.

The evening, held at the club in Winchester Road, features a live band, DJ and a silent auction. Doors open at 7.30pm and the dress code is strictly 1920s attire. Tickets are £20 and available from the club, Paynes Printers or Ryan Dickinson Plumbing and Heating.

Dogs have day

BASINGSTOKE: War Memorial Park will be full of four-legged friends as Barky Malarky returns on Sunday.

Running from 11am to 4pm, it will feature a dog agility club, fly ball team, a dog show and stalls. Hampshire Search and Rescue Dogs and Woofability Assistance Dogs will benefit from proceeds.

Fun of the fayre

BASINGSTOKE: The Winklebury Pre-school summer fayre takes place on Saturday, from noon to 2.30pm.

Bingo calling

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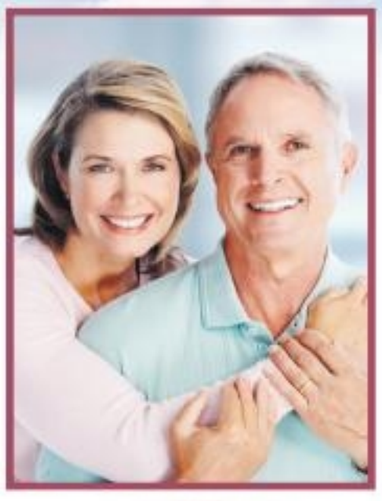

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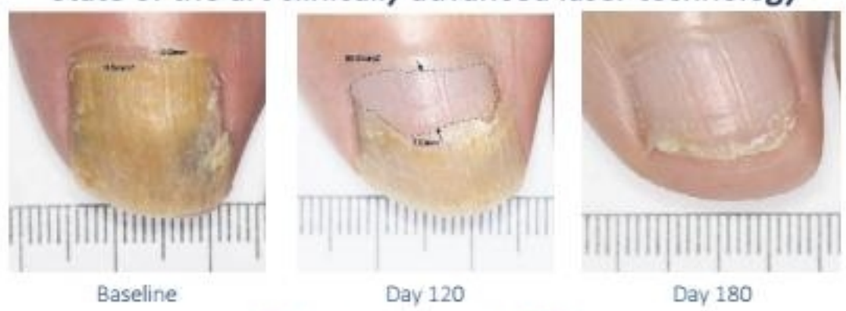

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News Bites

School celebrates

BASINGSTOKE: Cranbourne School is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a Summer Extravaganza on Saturday.

Staff and pupils, past and present, are encouraged to attend the event that starts at 2pm, with a music concert from 6pm until 8pm.

There will be fun activities throughout the afternoon with tours of the school available.

Images of anything related to Cranbourne School life over the years are also being sought.

Guards on show

BASINGSTOKE: It is the turn of the Guard's Division Corps of Drums Association to perform in Eastrop Park on Sunday as part of the summer concerts programme.

They are performing at the bandstand next to the boating lake between 3pm and 5pm.

Bring your picnics, rugs and deckchairs to enjoy a relaxed afternoon of music. This is the penultimate concert with the last one next Sunday.

Time for cuppa

BRAMLEY: A Tea at Three event is being held in aid of St Michael's Hospice on Sunday.

It will be at The Old School in Silchester Road, Bramley, between 2pm and 5pm. All welcome.

New vision aims to put arts at heart of borough

By Matthew Brown

A VISION aimed at making Basingstoke and Deane a renowned centre for culture and the arts has been launched.

The *Enriching Lives: Culture at the Heart of our Community* action plan was approved by the borough council's decision-making cabinet at a recent meeting.

It aims to put arts, heritage and culture at the forefront of the borough's identity over the next decade.

Cabinet member for housing, regeneration, arts and heritage, Cllr Terri Reid, said: "It is amazing how much art and culture is created and enjoyed in the borough and this year's Basingstoke Festival showcased that more than ever.

"This strategy clearly sets out an aspiration to continue to develop the creative icons of the future.

"It aims to further enhance and develop our cultural significance, both locally and nationally, and make sure that everyone has a chance to benefit from the enrichment of everyday life that art and culture brings to the borough."

As well as the improvement to facilities in the town centre, the vision also aims to encourage schools to engage with culture, grow rural arts, social inclusion and opportunities to allow local creative businesses to thrive.

Cllr Reid said the Basingstoke Festival was one of the driving forces behind the vision and its spirit will be kept all year-long with even more arts events on throughout the year.

The vision will also build upon what culture is already in Basingstoke.

Cllr Reid said: "From the pop-up performances in a shop in Church Street to the first outdoor screening in War Memorial Park, the breadth of new arts and culture created for the festival is continually growing.

"We already have world-class performance venues attracting international attention, heritage sites of significant importance, a brilliant programme of events, hugely talented artists and thriving cultural organisations.

"The Born in the Borough theme for this year's festival reflected our pride in local culture, especially Jane Austen's lasting legacy."

The new vision aims to build on Basingstoke's growing arts scene

Stagecoach makes changes to timetable

A REVISED timetable for Stagecoach buses in Basingstoke comes into force on Sunday.

Routes one (Basingstoke to Brighton Hill) and three (Basingstoke to South Ham) will see buses running every 12 minutes on Saturday afternoons.

Passengers travelling on routes two (Basingstoke to Tadley and Baughurst) and seven (Basingstoke to Chineham) can get buses every 20 minutes all day on Saturdays.

There will also be slight evening changes to route seven on Mondays to Saturdays.

West Popley residents using service five to and from town can now get a bus every 15 minutes all day on Saturdays.

Those using service six, linking Winklebury to town and East Popley, buses are set to run every 10 minutes on Saturday mornings and every 15 minutes on Saturday afternoons.

On route eight from town to Hatch Warren and Kempshott Park, buses will run every 20 minutes all day on Saturdays.

For those travelling further afield on 13/13X/613 services, a revised timetable will be introduced on weekdays and Saturdays, with some journeys re-timed to improve punctuality.

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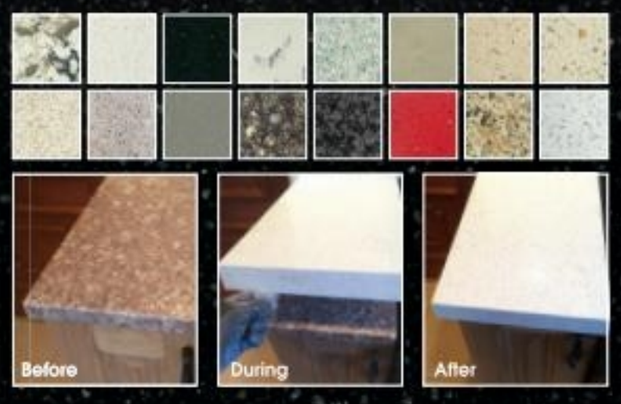

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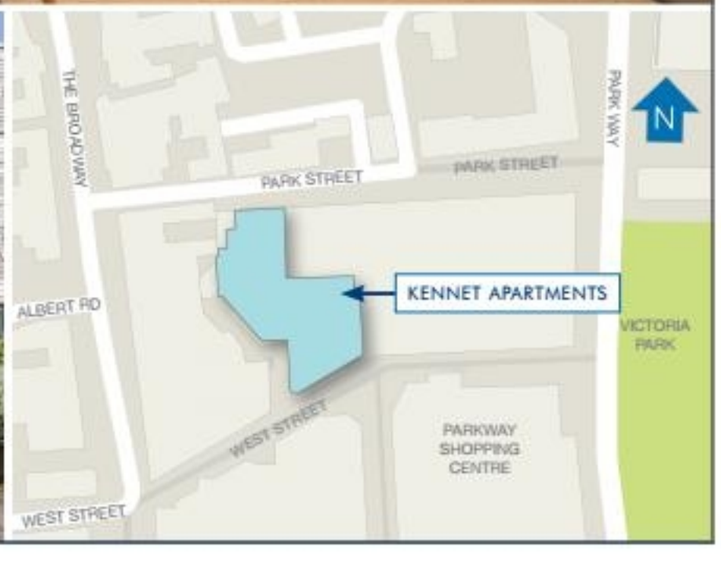

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Quick Clues Across

1 Representing something abstract (8)
4 Mimics (4)
8 Sudden invasion (6)
10 Tropical fruit (6)
11 Female monarch (5)
12 Musical show (5)
14 Not substantial (6)
17 Voted in again (9)
18 Disappearing (9)
22 Facial expressions (6)
23 Literary composition (5)
24 Move furtively (5)
26 Divides (6)
27 Linen fabric (6)
28 Satisfy fully (4)
29 Manipulators (8)

Quick Clues Down

1 Whirl (4)
2 Malicious killing (6)
3 Dull (6)
5 Calm (6)
6 Least big (8)
7 French Impressionist painter (5)
9 Contestants (9)
10 Position established by invaders (9)
13 Easily corrupted (5)
15 Guides for horses (5)
16 Continues to exist (8)
18 Fragrant plant (6)
19 Snug places (5)
20 Land mass surrounded by water (6)
21 Car shelter (6)
25 Glides on snow (4)

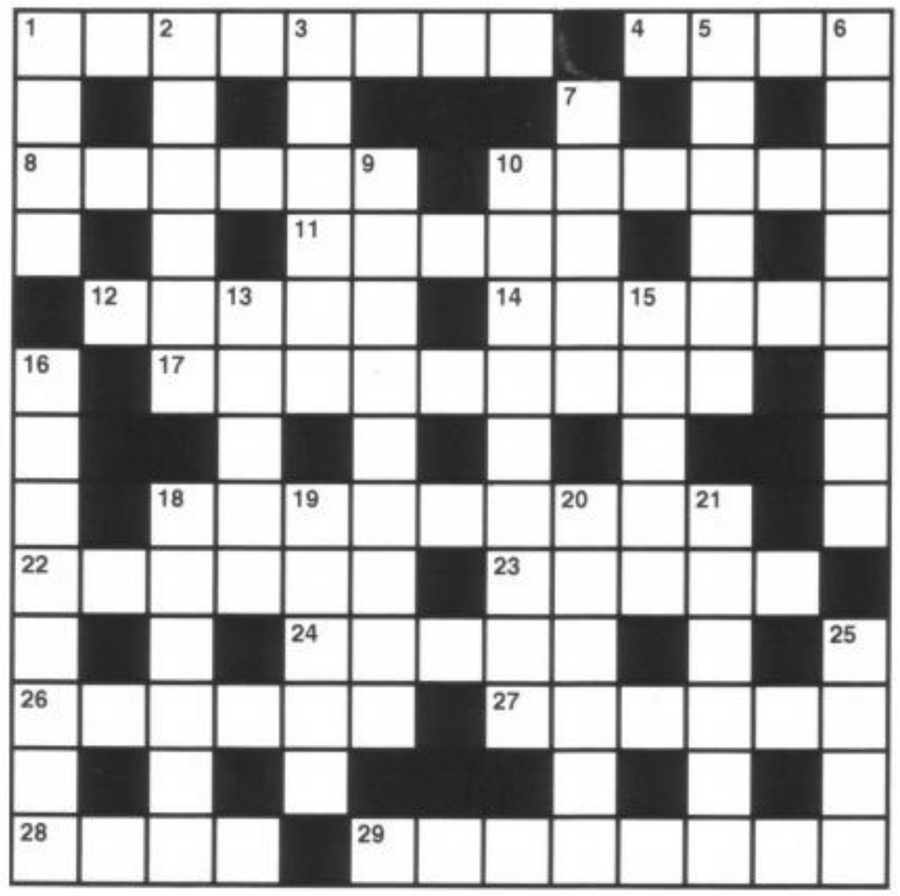
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Persons of rank - who don't go skating? (8)
4 Retain part of 14 (4)
8 Everyone taken in by bad song (6)
10 Secure for salvage (6)
11 New diets are named we hear (5)
12 Sacks the ingrates (5)
14 Fortress in which to throw the French (6)
17 Possibly cast carp hence (9)
18 Shrinking from girl I once upset (9)
22 How the Count got framed (6)
23 Bury in the main terminus (5)
24 It's no secret when they are spilt (5)
26 Ned in trouble? Fastened on quite the opposite (6)
27 Egg and roe for dragon-killer (6)
28 We hear you will get it at Christmas (4)
29 At the seaside they go out regularly (3,5)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Spheres of vision? (4)
2 Sounds like the Duke of Edinburgh's tonic (6)
3 Search wildly for what follows (6)
5 No longer a sight, we hear, to agitate (6)
6 No absence of gifts by the sound of it (8)
7 This litter could well be tidy (5)
9 Revealed Pluto was shut up (9)
10 Bringing to mind a change of name (9)
13 Upset the beer before a hundred get the instrument (5)
15 Being deficient can be taken in by holy man (5)
16 Clumsy and unlikely to make a profit (8)
18 A 'spoken' line? (6)
19 Squares can be so solid (5)
20 Possibly a fly little thing (6)
21 Agreed it could be equipped (6)
25 The best sort of wagers (4)



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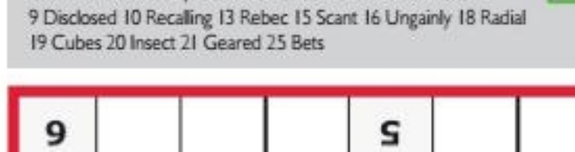

Sudoku

The objective is to fill a 9×9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 sub-grids that compose the grid (also called "boxes", "blocks", "regions", or "sub-squares") contains all of the digits from 1 to 9. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid, which for a well-posed puzzle has a unique solution.

EASY/MEDIUM/HARD

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This week's solutions

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Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Symbolic 4 Apes 8 Inroad 10 Banana 11 Queen 12 Revue 14 Aerial 17 Reelected 18 Vanishing 22 Smiles 23 Essay 24 Steal 26 Splits 27 Damask 28 Sate 29 Handlers

Down: 1 Spin 2 Murder 3 Opaque 5 Placid 6 Smallest 7 Manet 9 Duellists 10 Beachhead 13 Venal 15 Reins 16 Persists 18 Violet 19 Nests 20 Island 21 Garage 25 Skis

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Officers 4 Keep 8 Ballad 10 Rescue 11 Sited 12 Fires 14 Castle 17 Perchance 18 Recoiling 22 Abacus 23 Inter 24 Beans 26 Nailed 27 George 28 Yule 29 Ebb tides

Down: 1 Orbs 2 Fillip 3 Chaser 5 Excite 6 Presence 7 Sedan 9 Disclosed 10 Recalling 13 Rebec 15 Scant 16 Ungainly 18 Radial 19 Cubes 20 Insect 21 Geared 25 Bets

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Q: How many Lego animals are there in the zoo?

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Saturday July 22nd

BBC1

10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live (S) **11.30 Nadiya's British Food Adventure** (S)(R) **12.00 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News** (S) **1.15 Athletics: Diamond League Monaco Highlights** (S) **2.15 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **3.00 Flog It!** (S)(R) **3.30 FILM Kung Fu Panda 2 (2011) (PG)** (S) **4.50 FILM Shrek the Third (2007) (U)** (S) **6.15 BBC News** (S) **6.25 News** (S) **6.35 Pointless Celebrities** (S)(R)

7.25 Pitch Battle The grand final of the singing contest arrives. Last in the series. (S)

BBC2

10.00 Monty Halls' Great Irish Escape (S)(R) **11.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **12.00 Nigel and Adam's Farm Kitchen** (S)(R) **1.00 FILM Becoming Jane (2006) (PG)** (S) **2.50 My Friend Jane** (S) **3.20 Jane Austen: Behind Closed Doors** (S)(R) **4.20 University Challenge** (S)(R) **4.50 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **5.50 The Sweet Makers: A Tudor Treat** (S)(R) **6.50 Proms Extra** (S)

7.30 Dad's Army Captain Mainwaring's men acquire a boat. (S)(R)

8.00 Golf: The Open Eilidh Barbour presents highlights of the third day of the prestigious event, which takes place at Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport.

ITV

6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 The Home Game** (S)(R) **10.25 The Voice Kids Final** (S)(R) **12.10 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.25 Live Pre-Season Football** (S) **2.55 Tipping Point** Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (S)(R) **4.00 The Chase** (S)(R) **5.00 Little Big Shots USA** (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.10 ITV News** (S) **6.20 You've Been Framed! XXL** (S)(R)

7.20 Catchphrase Guessing game, hosted by Stephen Mulhern. (S)

8.00 FILM The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) (12) Unassuming hobbit Bilbo Baggins is recruited to join a band of dwarves on a quest to reclaim their lost homeland. Fantasy adventure, with Martin Freeman and Ian McKellen. (S)

11.15 ITV News; Weather (S)
11.35 The Chase Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S)(R)

Channel 4

6.20 Cycling: Velothon Wales (S) **7.15 Motor Sport: British Rally Championship** (S) **7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.35 Frasier** (S)(R) **10.05 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **11.25 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **12.55 Four in a Bed** (S)(R) **3.30 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** (S)(R) **4.30 Big House, Little House** (S) **5.35 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It** (S)(R) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 World Para Athletics Championships London 2017 Coverage of the evening session on day nine of the Championships. (S)

10.00 FILM Fast & Furious 6 (2013) (12) Action thriller sequel, with Vin Diesel and Dwayne Johnson. (S)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.15 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles The Super Shredder returns to seek vengeance against the Turtles. (S) **10.55 Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud** (S)(R) **11.20 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **1.20 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun** (S)(R) **3.15 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door** (S)(R) **5.10 5 News Weekend** (S) **5.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** (S)(R)

7.00 Blind Date The dating game show concludes. Last in the series. (S)

8.00 Named and Shamed: Greatest Celebrity Scandals A rundown of the most salacious celebrity scandals. (S)

9.00 Big Brother Daily round-up of highlights, featuring more games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat, as well as reactions to the latest eviction. (S)

10.00 20 Moments That Shocked Comedy Countdown of memorable comedy moments. Last in the series. (S)(R)

11.25 Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops Comedy clip show featuring pranks gone wrong. (S)(R)
11.50 Access Showbiz news and gossip.

DAYTIME

7 **7.25 Pitch Battle** The grand final of the singing contest arrives. Last in the series. (S)

8 **8.00 Golf: The Open** Eilidh Barbour presents highlights of the third day of the prestigious event, which takes place at Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport.

9 **9.00 Casualty** Part two of two. Mickey's mother Denise catches on to his big secret. (S)
9.50 BBC News; Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

10 **10.10 Would I Lie to You?** With Rhod Gilbert, Jamie Laing, Tracy-Ann Oberman and Claudia Winkleman. (S)(R)
10.40 FILM Eagle Eye (2008) (12) Thriller, with Shia LaBeouf. (S)

11 **11.00 QI XL** With Sue Perkins, Romesh Ranganathan and Bill Bailey. (S)
11.45 FILM Cosmopolis (2012) (15) David Cronenberg's drama, with Robert Pattinson. (S)

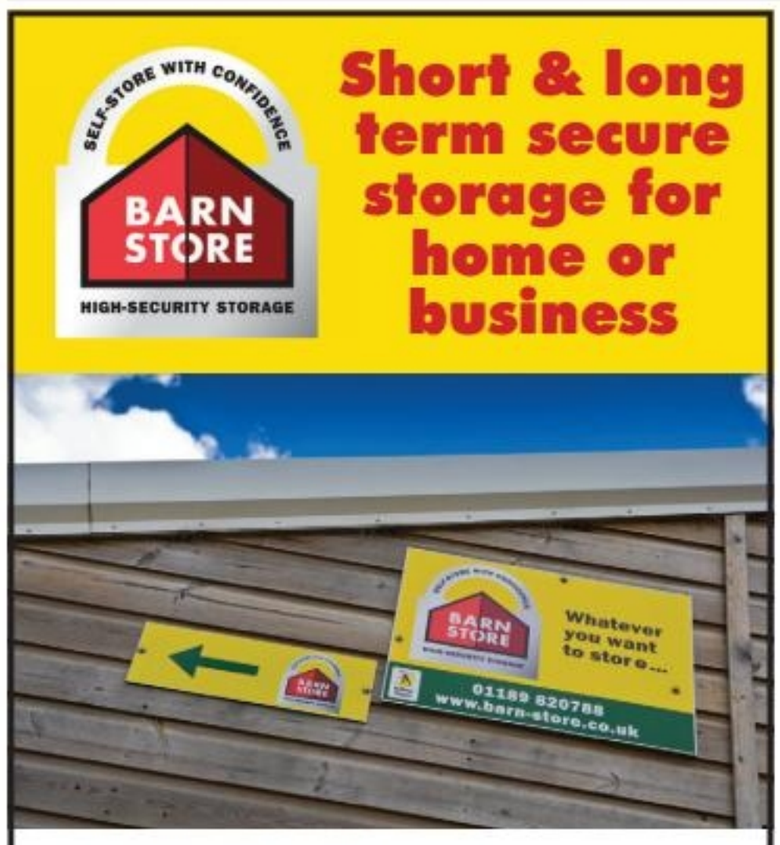
AFTER 12 **12.30 Weather for the Week Ahead** (S) **12.35** BBC News (S)

1.25 FILM Tim (1979) (PG) Romantic drama, starring Mel Gibson and Piper Laurie. (S) **3.10** This Is BBC Two (S)

12.30 Jackpot247 3.00 Who's Doing the Dishes? (S)(R) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen**

12.30 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) **1.20** 60 Days in Jail (S)(R) **2.10** Hollyoaks (S) **4.15** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb (S) **5.10** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures (S)(R) **5.25** Location, Location, Location (S)(R)

12.00 SuperCasino (S) **3.10 FILM Under Ten Flags (1960) (U)** (S) **4.45** Access (R) **4.50** Great Artists (S)(R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.40** Angels o Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 You've Been Framed! Gold **6.25** Emmerdale **9.20** Coronation Street **11.50** FILM: Hulk (2003) (12) Comic-strip adventure, starring Eric Bana. **12.50** FYI Daily **12.55** FILM: Hulk (2003) (12) Concluded. **2.35** The Voice Kids Final **4.20** FILM: Babe (1995) (U) Family comedy, starring James Cromwell. **5.20** FYI Daily **5.25** FILM: Babe (1995) (U) Concluded. **6.15** FILM: The Amazing Spider-Man (2012) (12) Superhero adventure reboot, starring Andrew Garfield. **7.15** FYI Daily **7.20** FILM: The Amazing Spider-Man (2012) (12) Concluded. **9.00** Love Island: The Weekly Hot List **10.05** Celebrity Juice **10.50** Family Guy **12.15** American Dad! **1.10** FILM: Zack and Miri Make a Porno (2008) (18) Comedy, starring Seth Rogen and Elizabeth Banks. **2.10** FYI Daily **2.15** FILM: Zack and Miri Make a Porno (2008) (18) **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Judge Judy **6.20** Murder, She Wrote **9.10** The Darling Buds of May **10.20** Agatha Christie's Sparkling Cyanide **12.20** Wycliffe **1.30** ITV Racing: Live from Newbury, Market Rasen & Newmarket. Coverage of today's meetings from Newbury, Market Rasen and Newmarket. **4.00** Kate: The Making of a Modern Queen **5.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** FILM: Mamma Mia! (2008) (PG) Musical comedy, starring Meryl Streep. **8.05** FYI Daily **8.10** FILM: Mamma Mia! (2008) (PG) Concluded. **9.10** Foyle's War **11.20** Law & Order: UK **2.15** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Forest, Field & Sky: Art Out of Nature **8.00** The Last Seabird Summer? **9.00** I Know Who You Are **11.25** Top of the Pops: 1984 **12.35** How to Be a World Music Star: Buena Vista, Bhundu Boys and Beyond **2.05** A to Z of World Music **3.35** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 How I Met Your Mother **6.50** Couples Come Dine with Me **9.00** How I Met Your Mother **11.30** The Goldbergs **1.00** FILM: Space Chimps 2: Zartog Strikes Back (2010) (U) Animated sci-fi comedy sequel, with the voice of Zack Shada. **2.40** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **3.00** The Goldbergs **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Speed (1994) (15) Action thriller, starring Keanu Reeves. **11.20** Gogglebox **1.30** Tattoo Fixers **2.35** Rude Tube **3.25** Gogglebox **4.15** How I Met Your Mother **5.00** Rude(ish) Tube

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Food Unwrapped **9.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **1.30** The Yorkshire Dales and the Lakes **2.35** Come Dine with Me **5.15** Four in a Bed **7.55** Spying on the Royals **9.00** The Royal House of Windsor **10.20** Wallis Simpson: The Secret Letters **11.25** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.30** Father Ted **2.40** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) (U) Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of John Leguizamo. **1.00** Grease (1978) (PG) Romantic musical, with John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John. **3.10** Carry On Cabby (1963) (PG) Comedy, starring Sid James and Hattie Jacques. **4.55** Robots (2005) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Ewan McGregor. **6.40** Men in Black 3 (2012) (PG) Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Will Smith. **9.00** Darkman (1990) (18) Thriller, starring Liam Neeson. **10.50** The Counsellor (2013) (18) Ridley Scott's crime thriller, starring Michael Fassbender. **1.05** Sleepy Hollow (1999) (15) Horror, starring Johnny Depp. **3.20** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Traffic Cops **7.35** Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **8.30** Top Gear **9.30** Projects **10.30** Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit **11.30** Go 8 Bit: DLC **12.00** The Joy of Techs **1.00** Traffic Cops **3.00** Sin City Motors **5.00** Would I Lie to You? **7.00** Not Going Out **9.00** FILM: Demolition Man (1993) (15) Sci-fi thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone. **11.15** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **12.20** QI XL **2.15** Mock the Week **2.50** Game of Arms **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.20 Birds of a Feather **7.55** The Last Detective **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** When the Boat Comes In **5.00** Porridge **7.00** Maisie Raine **8.00** Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries **9.00** Taggart **11.50** Waking the Dead **2.15** Fallen Angel **3.30** Garden Hopping **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **8.00** Football's Funniest Moments **8.30** The F1 Show **9.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **2.00** Dogs: An Amazing Animal Family **3.00** It's Me or the Dog **4.30** Modern Family **7.00** Football's Funniest Moments **8.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **9.00** A League of Their Own: US Road Trip 2.0 **10.00** Karl Pilkington: The Moaning of Life **11.00** A League of The Own **1.00** Ross Kemp: Extreme World **2.00** Hawaii Five 0 **3.00** Most Daring **4.00** It's Me or the Dog **4.30** It's Me or the Dog **5.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **9.00** Fish Town **11.00** Regarding Susan Sontag **1.00** House **4.00** Without a Trace **9.00** FILM: The Departed (2006) (18) Gangster thriller, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Matt Damon. **11.50** Ray Donovan **2.15** Twin Peaks: The Return **3.25** Nurse Jackie **4.00** Urban Secrets **5.00** Fis Town

W SKY: 109

6.10 Judge Faith **6.35** The Bill **11.40** EastEnders **2.10** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **5.15** My Family **8.00** One Born Every Minute **9.00** FILM: Unfaithful (2002) (15) Thriller, starring Diane Lane. **11.40** Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders **12.40** MasterChef Australia **2.15** Judg Faith **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 The Piglet Files **7.50** Bread **8.25** Last of the Summer Wine **10.20** Only Fools and Horses **9.40** Mrs Brown's Boys **10.20** Live at the Apollo **11.20** The Your Ones **12.55** Black Books **2.00** FILM: Bill Hicks: Sane Man (1989) (18) Stand-up performance recorded in Texas in 1989. **3.30** The Life of Rock with Brian Pern **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY 401

6.00 Live Super Rugby. Live coverage of a match from the play-offs in the southern hemisphere (kick-off TBA). **8.00** The Open Live. Day three from Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport. **10.30** Live Premier League Asia Trophy. The third-place play-off (kick-off 11.00am). **1.00** Live Premier League Asia Trophy. The final (kick-off 1.30pm). **3.30** The Open Live. Day three from Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport. **8.00** Live GAA. Galway v Donegal. **9.00** Live World Matchplay Darts. The evening session on day one. **11.00** Through the Night **12.00** Football **12.05** Live MLS. Toronto FC v Colorado Rapids (kick-off 12.08am). **2.10** Through the Night

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Sunday July 23rd

DAYTIME

BBC1

Countryfile, 8pm

10.00 Sunday Morning Live (S) **11.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **12.00 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **2.15 Money for Nothing** (S)(R) **3.00 FILM Oz the Great and Powerful (2013) (PG)** (S) **5.00 Lifeline** (S) **5.10 Songs of Praise** (S) **5.45 Pointless Celebrities** (S)(R) **6.30 BBC News** (S) **6.50 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S)

7 **7.00 Wild Alaska Live** New series. Liz Bonnin, Matt Baker and Steve Backshall present footage of animals during the annual salmon migration. (S)

8 **8.00 Countryfile** John Craven visits a conservation project for great bustards in Salisbury Plain. (S)

9 **9.00 Poldark** George plans to stand for parliament, but fails to make a good impression on a potential ally at Caroline's wedding reception. Hugh becomes infatuated with Demelza. (S)

10 **10.00 BBC News** (S) **10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **10.30 Miranda Hart – My What I Call Live Show** (S)(R)

11 **11.30 FILM Gambit (2012) (12)** Comedy remake, starring Colin Firth, Cameron Diaz and Alan Rickman. (S)

AFTER 12 **12.50 Weather for the Week Ahead** (S) **12.55** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Live Swimming: World Championships, 5pm

7.45 Gardeners' World (S)(R) **8.45 The Beechgrove Garden** (S)(R) **9.15 Countryfile** (S)(R) **10.15 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **11.45 Nigel Slater: Eating Together** (S)(R) **12.15 Hairy Bikers' Best of British** (S)(R) **1.00 Diving: World Championships** (S) **2.30 Wanted Down Under** (S)(R) **3.15 Natural World: Living with Baboons** (S)(R) **4.15 Flog It!** (S)(R) **5.00 Live Swimming: World Championships** (S)

7 **7.00 Inside the Factory** Gregg Wallace, Cherry Healey and Ruth Goodman return to investigate the origins and production of more household staples. (S)(R)

8 **8.00 Golf: The Open** Eilidh Barbour present highlights of the final day of the prestigious event. (S)

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10 **10.00 FILM Maps to the Stars (2014) (18)** Premiere. David Cronenberg's drama, starring Julianne Moore and Mia Wasikowska. (S)

11 **11.45 FILM The Skin I Live In (2011) (15)** Pedro Almodovar's thriller, starring Antonio Banderas and Elena Anaya.

AFTER 12 **1.35 Sign Zone: Countryfile** (S)(R) **2.35** Holby City (S)(R) **3.35** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

The Chase Celebrity Special, 6.30pm

6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 Wild Animal Reunions** (S)(R) **10.20 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **11.20 Love Your Garden** (R) **12.20 James Martin's French Adventure** (S)(R) **12.50 ITV News** (S) **12.55 Rebound** (S)(R) **1.55 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **2.55 Bear Grylls Survival School** (S)(R) **3.25 FILM Octopussy (1983) (PG)** (S) **6.00 News** (S) **6.10 ITV News** (S) **6.30 The Chase Celebrity Special** (S)

7 **7.30 FILM Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (2005) (12)** Fourth instalment of the fantasy saga, starring Daniel Radcliffe and Robert Pattinson. (S)

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10 **10.20 ITV News;** Weather (S) **10.40 Judge Rinder's Crime Stories** The 2011 case of the murder of Sian O'Callaghan, who was killed by a taxi driver. (S)(R)

11 **11.40 Take Me Out** A firefighter, a barber, a test driver and a gym instructor try to impress 30 single women and win a date. (S)(R)

AFTER 12 **12.45 Jackpot247 3.00** Motorsport UK (S) **3.50 ITV** Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

UEFA Women's Euro 2017, 7.30pm

6.20 Last Man Standing (S) **7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 Eat the Week** (S) **1.30 FILM Eragon (2006) (PG)** (S) **3.35 The Restoration Man** (S)(R) **4.35 Homes by the Sea** (S) **5.35 Channel 4 News** (S) **6.00 World Para Athletics Championships London 2017** Coverage of the evening session on the final day of the Championships. (S)

7 **7.30 UEFA Women's Euro 2017** England v Spain (kick-off 7.45pm). Coverage of the second match in Group D for both sides. (S)

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10 **10.00 The Handmaid's Tale** Offred is given a mission by the May Day rebels, to return to Jezebels and collect something they need. Janine takes drastic action after being forced to give up her baby.

11 **11.05 FILM Kingdom of Heaven (2005) (15)** Ridley Scott's historical epic, starring Orlando Bloom, Eva Green and Liam Neeson. (S)

AFTER 12 **1.40 Undercover Boss USA** (S)(R) **2.30** The Last Leg (S)(R) **3.25** KOTV Boxing Weekly (S) **3.55** Gillette World Sport (S) **4.20** Shipping Wars UK (S)(R) **5.00** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures (S)(R) **5.05** Location, Location, Location (R)

Channel 5

OMG! My Midlife Plastic Crisis, 11.50pm

6.00 Milkshake! 10.15 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S) **10.50 Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud** (S)(R) **11.15 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **2.10 FILM Little Nicky (2000) (12)** Comedy fantasy, starring Adam Sandler. (S) **3.45 FILM Legally Blonde (2001) (12)** (S) **4.50 5 News Update 4.55 FILM Legally Blonde (2001) (12)** (S) **5.35 FILM Ace Ventura: Pet Detective (1994) (12)**

7 **7.10 Funniest Cutest Kittens Ever** Compilation of comical clips involving cats. (S)

8 **8.00 Big Brother** Daily round-up of highlights. (S) **8.55 5 News Weekend** (S)

9 **9.00 Whitney and Bobby: Addicted to Love** Documentary drama exploring the story of Whitney Houston and Bobby Brown's relationship from 1990 through to her death in 2012. (S)(R)

10 **10.50 Whitney Houston: Her Greatest Hits** A celebration of the performer's most popular songs and music videos. (S)(R)

11 **11.50 OMG! My Midlife Plastic Crisis** People using surgery to recapture their lost youth. (S)

AFTER 12 **12.50 Access** (S)(R) **1.00** SuperCasino (S) **3.10** The Kidnapping of Shergar (S (R) **4.00** The Railways That Built Britain with Chris Tarrant (S)(R) **4.50** Great Artists (S)(R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Emmerdale **8.55** Coronation Street **11.15** Ninja Warrior UK **12.15** You've Been Framed! Gold Top 100 Sport Stars **1.20** FILM: See Spot Run (2001) (PG) Comedy, starring David Arquette. **2.20** FYI Daily **2.25** FILM: See Spot Run (2001) (PG) Concluded. **3.15** FILM: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) (U) Comedy sequel, starring Chris O'Donnell. **4.15** FYI Daily **4.20** FILM: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) (U) Concluded. **4.55** FILM: The Smurfs 2 (2013) (U) Fantasy comedy sequel, starring Hank Azaria. **5.55** FYI Daily **6.00** FILM: The Smurfs 2 (2013) (U) Concluded. **7.00** FILM: Evan Almighty (2007) (PG) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Carell. **8.05** FYI Daily **8.10** FILM: Evan Almighty (2007) (PG) Concluded. **9.00** Love Island **10.00** Love Island: Aftersun **11.20** Family Guy **12.40** American Dad! **1.35** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.05** The Vamps: The Hot Desk **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 George and Mildred **6.25** Agatha Christie's Sparkling Cyanide **8.20** Heartbeat **10.30** Murder, She Wrote **11.30** The Darling Buds of May **12.40** FILM: Columbo: Agenda for Murder (1990) (PG) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Patrick McGoohan. **2.45** Wycliffe **3.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.55** Foyle's War **8.00** Lewis **10.00** Law & Order: UK **12.00** Wire in the Blood **1.55** Lewis **3.35** May the Best House Win **5.15** On the Buses **5.45** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 BBC Proms 2017. Bernard Haitink conducts the Chamber Orchestra of Europe in a concert from the Royal Albert Hall, featuring his own Prague Symphony, Schumann's Second Symphony, and violinist Isabelle Faust performing Mozart's Third Violin Concerto. **8.50** Operation Crossbow. The little-known story of Spitfire pilots and Allied technicians whose work helped to thwart the Nazis during the Second World War. The programme reveals how stereoscopic 3D photographs were used to help interpreters map every contour of the enemy's territory, and uses personal testimony, computer-generated imagery and original wartime pictures to detail how the initiative was able to uncover some of Hitler's most dangerous secrets. Narrated by Samantha Bond. **9.50** Storyville: Accidental Anarchist: Life without Government. A former diplomat seeks an alternative to Western democracy. **10.50** After Life: The Strange Science of Decay **12.20** Dissected: The Incredible Human Foot **1.20** Britain's Whale Hunters: The Untold Story **2.20** Neil Diamond: Electric Prom **3.25** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Kevin Can Wait **6.25** Couples Come Dine with Me **8.25** Hollyoaks **11.00** FILM: Astro Boy (2009) (PG) Animated sci-fi adventure, with the voice of Freddie Highmore. **12.45** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **1.00** New Girl **2.00** The Goldbergs **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** FILM: Fantastic Four (2005) (PG) Sci-fi comic-book adventure, starring Ioan Gruffudd. **10.00** FILM: Sinister (2012) (15) Horror, starring Ethan Hawke. **12.15** Rude Tube **1.20** 8 Out of 10 Cats **2.10** Gogglebox **3.10** Rude Tube **3.35** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Food Unwrapped **9.15** Location, Location, Location **11.10** Come Dine with Me **1.50** Four in a Bed **4.30** UEFA Women's Euro 2017. Scotland v Portugal (kick-off 5.00pm). **7.30** Guy Martin: Last Flight of the Vulcan Bomber **9.00** Father Ted **10.05** Micky Flanagan: Back in the Game **11.50** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **12.50** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **2.45** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.40** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Earth vs the Flying Saucers (1956) (U) Sci-fi drama, starring Hugh Marlowe. **1.00** Cutthroat Island (1995) (PG) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Geena Davis. **3.20** Johnny English (2003) (PG) Spy comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson. **5.15** Titanic (1997) (12) Romantic drama, starring Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio. **9.00** The Ladykillers (2004) (15) Comedy remake, starring Tom Hanks. **11.05** Snake Eyes (1998) (15) Thriller, starring Nicolas Cage. **1.10** Conspirators of Pleasure (1996) (18) **3.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Top Gear **9.00** Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **10.00** Motorway Cops **11.00** Traffic Cops **12.00** Top Gear **2.00** Would I Lie to You? **4.00** Top Gear **6.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race **7.00** Motorway Cops **8.00** Traffic Cops **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** Live at the Apollo **11.00** Taskmaster **12.00** QI XL **1.00** Mock the Week **2.50** Game of Arms **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.00 The Bill **10.45** Call the Midwife **2.45** Catherine Cookson's Colour Blind **5.45** The Musketeers **7.00** Jonathan Creek **8.00** The Doctor Blake Mysteries **9.00** Silent Witness **11.20** Spooks **12.40** Fallen Angel **3.30** Garden Hopping **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Futurama **9.30** Football's Funniest Moments **10.00** Drone Racing League **12.00** WWE Raw Hlts **1.00** It's Me or the Dog **3.30** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **4.00** Modern Family **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Dogs: An Amazing Animal Family **9.00** Ross Kemp: Extreme World **10.00** The Force: North East **11.00** Zoo **12.00** A League of Their Own **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **2.00** Night Cops **3.00** Most Daring **4.00** It's Me or the Dog **5.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **8.30** Fish Town **10.30** House **1.30** Flying Monsters with David Attenborough **3.00** Attenborough at 90: Behind the Lens **4.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **10.10** 1993 **11.20** Riviera **12.20** Nurse Jackie **12.50** Game of Thrones **3.10** Twin Peaks: The Return **4.20** Fish Town

W SKY: 109

6.10 Judge Faith **7.00** Traffic Cops **8.00** Celebrity MasterChef **1.00** Doctor Who **3.00** My Family **5.00** Outnumbered **7.00** One Born Every Minute **10.00** Educating Yorkshire **11.00** Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders **12.00** One Born Every Minute **1.00** Doctor Who **1.50** MasterChef Australia **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 The Piglet Files **7.50** Last of the Summer Wine **10.30** Only Fools and Horses **10.10** Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow **11.10** Men Behaving Badly **12.30** Big Train **2.20** The Life of Rock with Brian Pern **3.30** Men Behaving Badly **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Good Morning Sports Fans **8.00** The Open Live. Day four from Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport. **7.00** The Open Verdict **7.30** Live World Matchplay Darts. The evening session on day two. **11.00** Through the Night **11.45** Live MLS. Vancouver Whitecaps v Portland Timbers (kick-off TBA). **2.00** Through the Night

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ENTERTAINMENT & LEISURE

Chilli tales to warm heart

By Josh Cox

TALES from the village kebab van will be brought to life at The Phoenix Theatre in Bordon tomorrow.

Members of the production company OddManOut are set to present Chilli Sauce, a quirky new show that's drawn from a visit to Bordon itself.

While there they met with several members of the community including Kamal, the owner of the Bordon Kebab Van, who has been serving his wares to villagers for 26 years.

Chilli Sauce is an engagement project between Kamal, local communities, venues, writers and a theatre company that has developed a production about a touring kebab van telling tales of modern Britain by the people.

The show will be full of witty anecdotes filled with themes of love, politics and prejudice.

It brings together a community separated by modern day life. As an exploration of people's lives, Chilli Sauce looks at those turning against each other and asks what would happen if they joined together for a bigger cause.

OddManOut was formed in 2007 to perform at the Edinburgh Fringe festival. Since then the company has continued to produce work and toured productions to venues throughout the UK.

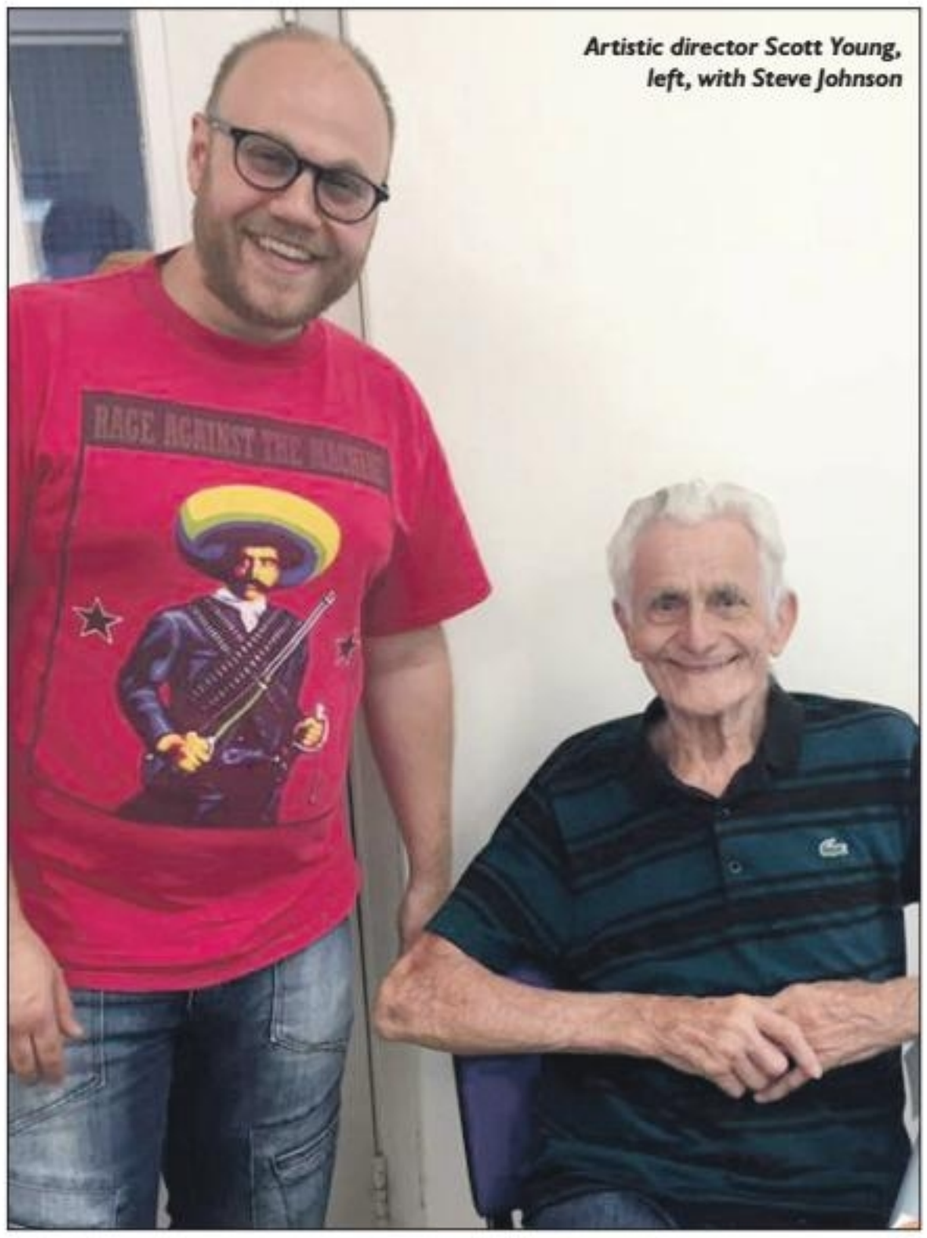
The theatre company aims to support new writing that promises to 'challenge and surprise' audiences.

The group has a core artistic team of Katy Weir and Scott Young, both of whom have a large amount of experience in theatre and performance.

With live music and lots of stories, see what happens both behind and in front of the counter and when the kebab unites a community.

The show is a 'pay what you decide' event that takes place tomorrow (Friday) at 4pm at The Phoenix.

For more information on the show or to book tickets, call The Phoenix on 01420 472664 or email info@phoenixarts.co.uk.



Artistic director Scott Young, left, with Steve Johnson

By a whisker

MUSIC: The four piece functions band, Cats Whiskers, are set to play at The Wellington Social Club in Basingstoke this weekend.

The group will be covering popular hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s, ensuring there will be a classic or two you can sing-along with.

The free gig starts at 7.45pm on Saturday.

Guitarist's solo gig

MUSIC: Rock and roll artist Chris Banderas will be performing a free gig at The Barley Mow in Oakley on Saturday at 8.30pm.

Banderas is an internationally acclaimed session musician who has performed with some of the best known bands across the globe.

He has recently been ranked as one of the top 500 rock guitar players in the world by Rock Control.

BAD guys on way

DANCE: Basingstoke Academy of Dance (BAD) will be bringing its new show, Moving Experience 2017, to The Anvil on Saturday at 8pm.

The show will feature special guests, many of whom are alumni now working as professionals in the industry. Tickets cost £16.

In praise of Queen Ella

By Josh Cox

OLIVIER Award nominated vocalist Alison Jiear and the London Concert Orchestra Show Band will perform a catalogue of unforgettable hits and music made famous by the Queen of Jazz, Ella Fitzgerald, in October.

Marking 100 years since the birth of Fitzgerald, this centenary celebration showcases not only the career of Ella, but also her extraordinary life.

The show, Ella Fitzgerald Centenary Celebration, applauds Ella as the first lady of song and one of the finest female singers of all time with a concert of songs and music.

Fitzgerald is recognised for lifting jazz and American popular song to new heights.

Ella's voice was wide-ranging and ageless, resulting in a recording career of multiple Grammy wins and millions of records sold, including her revered Songbook albums devoted to Cole Porter, George and Ira Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Rogers, Hart and others.

The lead in the show, Alison Jiear, was one of The Fabulous Singlettes, an Australian girl trio specialising in Motown girl group covers.

Backing Alison at the concert will be The London Concert Orchestra, which was founded more than 40 years ago by Raymond Gubbay and is one of the UK's most versatile orchestras.

You can expect to hear all of Fitzgerald's most popular hit songs including The Very Thought of You, Fascinating Rhythm, Embraceable You, But Not For Me, Oh, Lady Be Good, That Old Black Magic, I Only Have Eyes For You, Get Happy, Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye.

Ella Fitzgerald Centenary Celebration will be taking place at The Anvil on October 22 at 3pm. Full price tickets cost £31.50.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the box office on 01256 844 244 or visit anvilarts.org.uk.

Alison Jiear, left, sings the praises of Ella Fitzgerald, above

Dance night away

DANCE: JG Dance will be putting on their first show, We are the World, at The Anvil on July 29 at 2pm and 7pm.

The dancers will perform a selection of disciplines inspired by music from around the world, as well as showcasing dances choreographed especially for the Mayor's Variety Show.

Full price tickets cost £16.

Folk music evening

MUSIC: An evening of country music can be found at the Irish Centre in Basingstoke on July 28 from 8.30pm.

The popular solo artist Dan McHugh will be returning to play mainly Irish and country hits, but you can also expect some rock and roll and pop classics.

This gig carries no entry fee.

Hello, is it Lionel?

MUSIC: A Lionel Richie tribute act will be showcasing Richie's hugely successful career at The Academy in Basingstoke on July 29.

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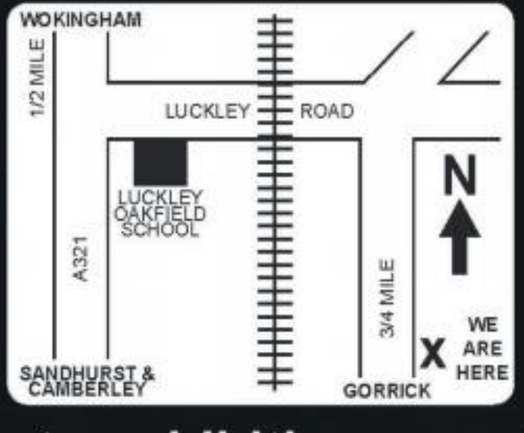

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Skoda Kodiaq SE L 1.4TSi 150PS 4X4 DSG

In seventh heaven

By **Tony Yates**

I was starting to get a little worried that we were not seeing any new seven- seaters in the world of motoring anymore – so, when I heard Skoda was going to introduce us to the new Kodiaq, which just happens to have the extra seating I'm talking about - I was very happy indeed, because for a large family or people who pretty much act as a taxi driver for everybody else in their life, this must have been some very welcome news indeed.

Of course being seven-seated does not mean it's slow and like steering a boat – in fact it's actually more like a limousine on wheels. Ok, it's not an actual limo – but it does have an interesting array of equipment and storage for all those times when a big car really is the saviour of the day.

Power and efficiency

My test car was fitted with a 150PS 1.4-litre petrol engine; its performance is good, but not what I would call 'racy' – but it does get a move on once you get into the power band of that turbo. 0-62mph comes in around 10sec – and you can expect fuel consumption figures to easily reach 37-40 mpg combined. Top speed is also around 119mph and because it's a Skoda – you get all the usual energy saving devices such as; Stop/Start etc.

On the road

Firstly - I am so impressed by how the Kodiaq dealt with the lumps and bumps on our roads. Secondly, this a 4x4 - which basically means it can to a certain degree handle off-road driving – although, I doubt you will ever feel the need to drive it around in the mud like a hooligan.

Into the corners it also feels very controlled and steady – and when pushed to its limits, there were no nasty surprises and nothing unexpected happened. But, and it's a tiny one – the Kodiaq does have a small amount of gearbox lag (DSG) in Normal mode. If I was you, I would keep it in sport mode pretty much all the time. Apart from that small niggle - the Kodiaq is rather good and even better with its excellent 4X4 capabilities – what more could you possibly ask for.

Safety and technology

Inside, looks great, and it has a nicely trimmed cabin which is something Skoda has worked on a lot over time. Rear leg room is also massive thanks to the movable rear seats configuration. The Kodiaq will easily accommodate seven people or large family with ease. The quality and feel inside the cabin is also very good thanks to Skoda's excellent build quality.

The level of standard equipment on the SE L version starts with dual zone air conditioning, 19" Sirius alloy wheels, cruise control, black roof rails, heated front seats, ABS, EBV, MSR, ASR, EDS, DSR & ESBS, LED daytime running lights, LED rear lights, rear parking sensors, electronically operated boot, KESSY keyless system, an umbrella in the front doors, Alcantara upholstery and 7 airbags. This is just a small amount of what you can expect to find on what I consider to be a very well equipped car where everything you will ever need is on hand to make life just that little bit easier.

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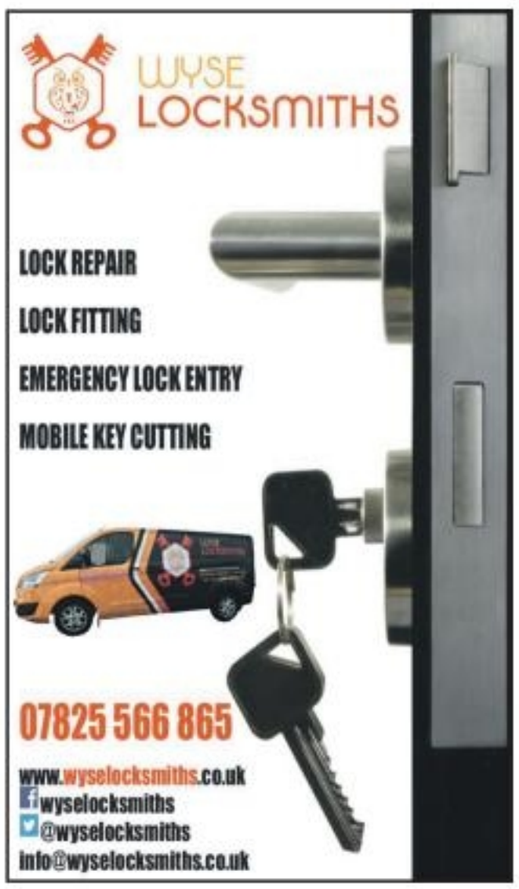

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man seeking

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SEMI retired male, seeking a lady for friendship, fun, walking in the country, keen on the Isle of Wight where I have a summer chalet by the sea. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 427949**

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Girls-only football sessions go down a storm at Phoenix

AS part of a recent FA initiative to attract more girls to football, Hatch Warren Phoenix FC have been running special coaching sessions.

The club's sessions every Saturday for girls in school years one to six at Hatch Warren Community Centre Fields have gone down very well.

A club spokesman said: "We have been overwhelmed at just how many girls are interested in playing the game but not willing to mix with the boys game.

"Whilst we have a fair few playing within our current teams, we are over the moon at just how many are attending on a Saturday morning."

The Phoenix 'Wildcats' recently welcomed special guests Becky Jane and Rachel Furness from Reading FC ladies who joined in a session, and also presented Alannah Chan with the Hatch Warren player of the month award.

The sessions are taking a short break for summer but will be returning in September.

Email info@hatchwarrenphoenix.co.uk if you would like your daughter to attend when the sessions restart again.

• Reading FC ladies Becky Jane and Rachel Furness pictured with player of the month Alannah

Wright is centre of mix for Dragon's 4-1 victory

By Matthew Brown

BEN Wright continued his impressive pre-season form by playing part in all the goals as Basingstoke Town beat Merstham 4 -1 at the Camrose on Saturday.

The Dragons were dominating the visitors right from kick-off with the livewire Ashleigh Artwell firing over the goal, after being set up by Aaron Jarvis who had received a long- ball from debutant Shane Hollomby.

That was the second minute and in the eighth minute, the lively Wright was denied the opening goal from a header, Chris Haigh in the Merstham goal denying him.

Basingstoke continued to dominate and Wright had another chance five minutes later when his 20-yard free kick, bound for the top corner was pushed away by Haigh.

Wright kept plugging away though and got his reward on 22 minutes with the opening goal of the game, tucking away a penalty.

Jarvis supplied a sublime cross-field ball that found George Bennett on the left side of the penalty area and Simon Cooper brought him down.

Town continued to dominate and doubled their lead on 38 minutes when Merstham failed to deal with a Wright corner.

The clearance found captain David Ray who crossed in for Charlie Kennedy to score with a glancing header.

It could have been three nil on the stroke of half time but Jarvis hit the crossbar.

Immediately after half time, Merstham pulled one back through Sahr Kabba as he snuck in behind the Basingstoke defence.

However two minutes later, Basingstoke scored a third through Wright who grabbed his second of the game, making it 3 -1.

A neat move involving Kennedy and Artwell was finished off by the striker.

Merstham had a chance through the lively Kabba but he saw his shot saved.

Basingstoke continued to dominate and finally scored a fourth through Dan Bayliss, three minutes from time.

Sam Smart won a free-kick on the right which Wright whipped in and sub Bayliss made no mistake with his header to seal the 4 -1 victory.

Rose returns to site of first major outing as teen amateur

JUSTIN Rose is set to get his Open Championship campaign going this morning as he tees off just before 10am.

The north Hampshire golfer will play the first two rounds alongside American Justin Thomas and former Open winner Louis Oosthuizen.

This year's championship is being held at Royal Birkdale, a venue of particular significance for Rose as it was where he made his first major appearance back in 1998.

Aged 17, Rose was playing as an amateur and found himself in tied second place after the second round, level with Tiger Woods and one shot off the lead.

He remained in contention for the rest of the tournament, eventually finishing tied fourth on two over par and just two shots off that year's champion, Mark O'Meara.

The next best-placed amateur, Sergio Garcia, was all the way back on 12 over par.

Things didn't go quite as well on his return to Royal Birkdale as a professional for the 2008 Open however, as he struggled to joint 70th in the wet weather and a score of 21 over par.

Rose finished tied 22nd at last year's Open. The 2013 US Open champion has yet to beat the tied fourth he got as an amateur.

Justin Rose tees off today in his Open Championship campaign

Sport Bites

Learn from Irish

RUGBY: London Irish are running two rugby camps this summer.

The first is taking place at Basingstoke Rugby Club on August 14 and 15 and the second at Testbourne Community School in Whitchurch on August 21 and 22.

The camps are aimed at players aged from under seven to 14 and give children the chance to pick up new skills and develop existing ones.

Each course includes a full programme of rugby coaching from 10 am until 3 pm.

For more details visit www.london-irish.com to book or call 01932 750 100.

Campaign begins

FOOTBALL: Basingstoke Town will begin their defence of the Hampshire Senior Cup with a home second round tie against Gosport Borough.

The tie will take place on September 20, and in that same week, Hartley Wintney will face either Brockenhurst or Alton.

In the first round, Whitchurch United and Tadley Calleva will play their ties in the week commencing August 22.

Whitchurch will play Sholing away with the winner facing Moneyfields away in the second round.

Calleva face Cowes at home with the winners playing another home tie to either Northerners or Bashley in round two.

Tough test

CRICKET: Hartley Wintney Cricket Club are set to come up against some former professional cricketers next Friday at the Cricket Green.

They will face a Shaun Udal All Stars XI in a T20 charity game, featuring the former Hampshire captain alongside Matthew Hoggard and Chris Tremlett.

The game starts at 2.30pm with admission free.

There will be a beer tent, falconry display and a hospitality marquee.

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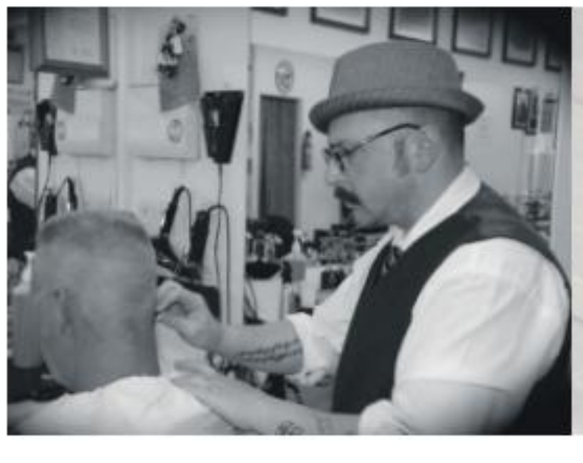

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Bowlers rip apart rivals to put Bountymen on top

By Matthew Brown

FAST bowling duo David Griffiths and Martyn James were once again at their devastating best as Basingstoke and North Hampshire Cricket Club (BNHCC) thrashed Calmore Sports by seven wickets.

The victory, away at Loperwood Park, saw the Bountymen return to the top of the Southern League Division One, replacing their hosts at the summit.

Calmore won the toss and chose to bat first but were blown away by player/coach Griffiths and James, who left them reeling at 25-9.

James's 10-over spell saw him take five wickets for just eight runs, bowling eight maidens in the process.

He was backed up by Griffiths who finished with figures of 4-27 from his 10 overs.

Calmore openers Mark Lavelle and Ben Perry were both bowled for ducks, Lavelle by James and Perry by Griffiths.

Michael Cook (1) was LBW to James before he bowled James Manning for a duck.

Griffiths bowled Jack Rutter for another duck then had Liam Newton LBW for no score.

Ben Johns scored 1 off 34 balls before he was LBW to James.

James Rose (5) and Mike West (4) were then both dismissed, leaving the score 25-9.

There was some Calmore resistance from Dan Croft (23 not out) and Dom Ducellier (58) who put on a partnership of 85 to get the score up to 110 all out from 33.5 overs.

In reply, Basingstoke openers Dan Belcher (24) and George Metzger (28) put on 33 for the first wicket before Belcher was caught by Manning off the bowling of Lavelle.

Metzger was joined by Mitch Stokes who scored a quick-fire 38 from 30 balls before being trapped LBW by Rose.

Chris Froud (11 not out) with Metzger, got BNCC close to their target but he was dismissed LBW off the bowling of Jack Rutter.

Brad Neal and Froud then finished the job in the 33rd over to seal an important victory for Basingstoke.

They had trailed Calmore by 20 points but this victory put them level at the top, BNCC taking top spot on head-to-head record.

Next up for BNHCC is Sarisbury Athletic at home this weekend.

Stars of the future try out their skills

With the Women's Euro 2017 tournament taking place in The Netherlands at the moment, these girls may well have been inspired by England's Lionesses to try out their skills.

Hatch Warren Phoenix FC is running sessions to attract more girls every Saturday at the community centre.

Reading FC's Becky Jane and Rachel Furness put the youngsters through their paces.

See inside for more

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